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SUBJECT: TURKISH GREEK DISPUTE OVER AEGEAN: GSI CONTRACT

TO EXPLORE IN AEGEAN

REF: ANKARA 4044

1. EUR/TUR DIRECTOR DILLON TELEPHONED ACTING PRESIDENT
GEOPHYSICAL SERVICES, INC., OF DALLAS, MAY 27, TO ASK STATUS
OF FIRM'S CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH TPAO AND INFORMATION
RE FIRM'S PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN DISPUTED AREA OF AEGEAN.
DILLON ALSO INQUIRED WHETHER GSI AWARE OF DISPUTE BETWEEN
GREECE AND TURKEY AND SAID THAT DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD
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LIKE TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF CONTRACT DEVELOPMENTS.

2. GSI REP SAID THAT FIRM(SUBSIDIARY OF TEXAS INSTRUMENTS) WAS AWARE OF DISPUTE AND WAS NOT EAGER TO BE CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO QUARRELLING NATIONS. ACCORDING TO HIM GSI HAS HAD PAST CONTRACTS WITH TPAO AND TEXAS INSTRUMENTS HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT SUPPLIER OF EQUIPMENT TO TPAO. THE CURRENT CONTRACT WHICH HAS NOT BEEN SIGNED COVERS EXPLORATION WORK PRIMARILY IN THE BLACK SEA BUT ALSO IN THE AEGEAN AND THE MARMARA- IT WILL NOT PROVIDE A BOAT BUT WILL PROVIDE A CREW WHICH WILL OPERATE FROM A TURKISH GOVERNMENT VESSEL. GSI DOES NOT YET KNOW WHAT BLOCKS IN THE AEGEAN WILL BE COVERED BY THE CONTRACT. AS SOON AS THEY KNOW, THEY WILL INFORM STATE DEPARTMENT. GSI REP ALSO ASKED THAT WE PROVIDE

A MAP DELINEATING THE DISPUTED AREA. DILLON AGREED TO PROVIDE THE MAP DRAWN BY DEPARTMENT'S GEOGRAPHER AND AGREED TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH GSI COMPANY HEADQUARTERS AS EVENTS DEVELOP. BROWN

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